

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. Claims 1-11 are allowed. Claim 19 is cancelled in this response. Claims 12-18 and 20, subject to a prior Examiner's Restriction Requirement, were previously cancelled without prejudice as drawn to a non-elected invention.

II. Claims 1-11

Applicants thank Examiner for the determination that claims 1-11 are allowed.

III. Response to the Section 103(a) Rejection

Applicants have cancelled claim 19 which Examiner rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Han et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 7,144,499) in view of Kocal (U.S. Pat. No. 6,368,495).

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner accept the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 since it places the application in prima facie condition for allowance and the Examiner does not have to consider any new issues, nor does it require any additional searching on the part of the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to pass the case to issue. Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone their attorney at (610) 359-2465 if Examiner believes that a discussion of the application might be helpful.

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